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Hon. Peter G. Sheridan, U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Courthouse
402 E. State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

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If the depositions
prove unworkable,
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3/30/09*

Re: United States v. Dalnave Navigation et al.
Crim. No. 09-130 (PGS)

Dear Judge Sheridan:

As Your Honor is aware, pursuant to an Order by the Honorable Jose L. Linares, U.S.D.J., the parties to the above-captioned action are required to take seven (7) depositions of material witnesses between April 1, 2009 and April 15, 2009. Although Your Honor previously indicated that Your Honor would not preside over these depositions, the United States writes to respectfully request that a Magistrate Judge instead be appointed to do so.

A Magistrate Judge presiding over the depositions will ensure full compliance with Judge Linares's order. Furthermore, the appointment of a Magistrate Judge will ensure that order is maintained during the proceedings, that the proceedings move forward in a timely manner, and that the record of objections is adequately developed.

Very truly yours,

RALPH J. MARRA, JR.
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/s/

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